

Key Points

Flu Partners Update

ACIP Recommendations for the Prevention and Control of Influenza (including the erratum) can be viewed at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr5510.pdf>.

The CDC online flu gallery, including electronic files of flu campaign materials is up and ready to use at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/patiented.htm> Patient and provider education materials are available for reproduction or you can order limited quantities.

Flu brochures and immunization materials can also be ordered from the MDCH Clearinghouse at <http://www.hpclearinghouse.org/>.

There has been no change in Medicare coverage of Influenza vaccination, because of the Part D drug benefit. Influenza vaccination will continue as a Part B covered benefit.

Influenza Education Modules available! Continuing Education credit options available!

1. Pediatric and Adult Influenza Update: Contact your local LHD for this Immunization Nurse Education Module.
2. Influenza Education module from the MSU Extension Physician Peer Education Program (contact Traci Osterman 517-353-6674)

Talking points from CDC on 2006-07 influenza vaccine supply and distribution are **attached** to this email.

Michigan vaccine update: CDC has advised MDCH that manufacturers are beginning to ship flu vaccine out and that we should see initial amounts coming as soon as the end of September with the bulk of the flu vaccine coming in October and then some more in November (both public & private sectors). The VFC staff knows this doesn't help much with planning and scheduling your flu clinics, but it's the best information we have on when you can expect to receive your VFC flu vaccine.

If you or any of your providers ordered MedImmune's FluMist vaccine, those orders are being filled at 100% and will be shipped directly to the provider. Sanofi pasteur's preservative-free, pre-filled syringes for children 6 months to 35 months are being supplied to us at 100% of our pre-booked request. Because of CDC's allocation limits, MDCH was not able to order all of the preservative-containing flu vaccine in 10 dose vials that were requested through the pre-booking process. Unfortunately, some if not most VFC providers will have to deal with four different presentations of this vaccine. We cannot tell you how it will come into the state depot (how much at a time via what presentation), but the VFC staff, and Craig and Mark at the depot, will work hard on our end to get you as much as we can as soon as we can.

About 75 million doses of flu vaccine is expected to be in most doctor's offices and clinics by the end of October -- a near record amount that should prevent flu shot rationing this year.

A list of vaccine distributors is listed on page 5 of this issue.

Influenza (LAIV and TIV) Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) for Michigan providers can be downloaded from www.michigan.gov/immunize. They are also **attached** to this email for your use.

Weekly issues of FluBytes will be available electronically at www.michigan.gov/flu

Keep Communicating!

2006-2007 flu vaccine lot releases can be viewed at <http://www.fda.gov/cber/flu/flu/lot2006.htm> As of 9/13/06, 15 lots of Fluvirin, 13 lots of Fluarix, 18 lots of FluMist, and 25 lots of Fluzone have been released.

Federal regulators have cleared Iomai to start the first phase of trials of its flu vaccine patch. Iomai is pursuing two opportunities for the prevention of influenza. The company is using TCI technology to formulate a vaccine patch designed to replace traditional injectable vaccines, and a patch designed to improve the effectiveness of injectable vaccine in the elderly is under development. <http://www.iomai.com/content/view/14/28/>

CDC recently hosted 2 conference calls to provide updated information for this flu season. Two sets of powerpoint presentations are **attached** to this email for your review. We hope it will be helpful.

The American Lung Association is continuing the Flu Clinic Locator during the 06-07 season. You can view locations or get information to sign a clinic up at <http://www.flucliniclocator.org/> Free downloadable educational materials are also available.

They are partnering with Maxim health's <http://findaflushot.com/>

Article on the influenza vaccine cost effectiveness in adults 50-64, and also over 65 from the AJPM is **attached**.

surveillance update

Sentinel Surveillance (as of September 14, 2006): During the week ending September 9, 2006, the proportion of visits due to influenza-like illness (ILI) increased slightly from last week to 0.4% of all visits, representing 7 cases of ILI out of 1,683 total patient visits. Twelve sentinels provided data for this report. Low levels of ILI activity were reported in all regions; the percentage of visits due to ILI by region was 0.5%, Central; 0.0%, North; 1.0%, Southeast; and 0.0%, Southwest.

The national influenza weekly surveillance summary will be available starting Oct. 13, 2006 at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

Public Message

Not available at this time.

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For questions on FluBytes, please contact Liz Harton, Public Health Advisor at HartonE@michigan.gov

This newsletter is distributed to local health departments, Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Coordinators, members of the Michigan Advisory Committee on Immunizations (MACI), Alliance for Immunization in Michigan (AIM), and representatives of the Flu Advisory Board (FAB).

Flu Vaccine Distributors

Updated as of September 9, 2005

Working with the CDC, the Health Industry Distributors Association has been asked to list ALL distributors that request to be listed on this page, regardless of their membership in HIDA.

MDCH or HIDA does not endorse, in any manner any of the companies listed on this page. We make no guarantee as to the availability of the product.

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fluvaccine@dubinmedical.com

Edwards Medical Supply
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800-358-2000
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General Injectables & Vaccines, Inc (GIV)
Customer Service
800-521-7468
customersfirst@giv.com

Henry Schein Medical
800-772-4346
medeastsales@henryschein.com

Insource, Inc
Gary Blankenship, Director of Sales
800-366-3829
customersfirst@insourceonline.com

Lake Erie Medical & Surgical Supply, Inc.
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877-693-4376
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Texas Vaccines Institute
Pablo De Angulo
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